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July 12, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT FISCAL YEAR 2021 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
PERFORMANCE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS AND FISCAL YEAR 2021  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT PROGRAM-AMERICAN  
RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Board approval is requested to accept the County's allocation of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program and the EMPG American Rescue Plan Act (EMPG-ARPA). These grants are fully funded by the Federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and distributed by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). These grants will be used to support comprehensive emergency management activities at the local levels and to encourage the improvement of preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation capabilities for all hazards and disasters.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the County activities to be funded with FY 2021 EMPG and EMPG-ARPA Funds from DHS do not constitute projects under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or, in the alternative, are exempt from CEQA for the reasons stated in this letter and in the record of the proposed activities;
2. Accept \$2,179,226 in funding for the FY 2021 EMPG Program under Assistance Listing Number 97.042, Subaward Number 2021-0015, as distributed through Cal OES with a Performance Period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, and the allocation of a portion of such funds to the County's Chief Executive Office – Office of Emergency Management (OEM) in the amount of \$726,337 to support County emergency preparedness and response activities;

3. Accept \$136,606 in funding for the FY 2021 EMPG-ARPA under Assistance Listing Number 97.042, Subaward Number 2021-0014, as distributed through Cal OES with a Performance Period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, and the allocation of a portion of such funds to OEM in the amount of \$45,531 to support County emergency preparedness and response activities;

4. Adopt the attached Governing Body Resolution, which authorizes the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or her designee, to apply for and execute Emergency Management Performance Grant awards and all future amendments, modifications, extensions, and augmentations, as necessary; and

5. Delegate authority to the CEO, or her designee, to enter into subrecipient agreements with Disaster Management Areas (DMAs) providing for use and reallocation of funds, and to execute all future amendments, modifications, extensions, and augmentations relative to the subrecipient agreements, as necessary.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

DHS, through Cal OES, has approved grant funding for State and national homeland security efforts. This grant funding is provided to support comprehensive emergency management at local levels, and to encourage the improvement of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities for all hazards and disasters. These grant funds will be used to strengthen information sharing and collaboration among all levels of government, private industry, and non-governmental and community-based organizations; strengthen emergency planning for both intentional and natural disasters; encourage citizen preparedness while integrating the needs of vulnerable populations; provide guidance and support for enhancing primary and alternate emergency operations centers to increase regional readiness; and increase opportunities for professional training of emergency management personnel.

This letter finds that the recommended activities do not constitute projects or are exempt under CEQA. Following approval by the Board, and the signing of subrecipient agreements with DMAs, the grant funds will be made available at the local level.

The Board is requested to authorize the CEO to administer these grants, on behalf of the Los Angeles County Operational Area, and approve the enclosed Governing Body Resolution, which provides a list of Chief Executive Office personnel authorized to sign grant documents for EMPG and EMPG-ARPA. The CEO or her designee will also be authorized to submit other grant documents including, but not limited to, amendments, modifications, extensions, performance reports, reimbursement requests and future applications.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Access to this grant funding addresses the following County Strategic Plan Goals and Strategies: Goal II.2 – Support the Wellness of our Communities; and Goal III.3 – Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

For FY 2021, the EMPG award is \$2,179,226 and the EMPG-ARPA award is \$136,606. These programs are fully funded by DHS, and distributed by Cal OES. The FY 2021 EMPG and EMPG-

ARPA have a dollar-for-dollar funding match requirement, which the Operational Area will satisfy through matched personnel expenses.

Of the total grant awards, the DMAs will be allocated \$1,452,889 from EMPG and \$91,075 from EMPG-ARPA for a total of \$1,543,964. Of the total grant awards, \$726,337 from EMPG and \$45,531 from EMPG-ARPA for a total of \$771,868 will be retained by OEM to support emergency preparedness and response activities.

The spending authority needed for FY 2022-23 will be requested by the CEO during the FY 2022-23 Supplemental Budget phase.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Cal OES has provided the Los Angeles County Operational Area with specific guidelines for the management and administration of these grants. These guidelines detail the activities and expenditures that are allowable under these grants. The performance period of these grants is from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The activities to be funded by the grants do not constitute projects pursuant to CEQA because they are excluded from the definition of a project by Public Resources Code section 21065 and section 15378(b)(2)(4) and (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines on the basis that they are continuing administrative or organizational activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment; and/or include the creation of a government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities; which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. In the alternative, the activities to be funded are categorically exempt from CEQA since they are within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria set forth in section 15301(a) and (d) and 15322(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1(c) and (r) and 22(a) and (c) of the County's Environmental Documentation and Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G which apply to building leases, and educational or training programs. The County activities to be funded will result in negligible or no expansion of use. In addition, based on the records of the proposed exempt activities, the exempt activities will comply with all applicable regulations, are not located in a sensitive environment and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled, pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5, or indications that the activities may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemptions inapplicable.

Each subrecipient is required to comply with CEQA, as applicable, to be reimbursed with grant funds. To the extent there are any changes proposed to the activities to be funded by the County retained funds, the proposed activities will be reviewed for any further findings which may be necessary under CEQA. Chief Executive Office staff will continue to assist the lead federal granting agency, as necessary, to complete its requirement under the National Environmental Policy Act.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

These grants will enable the County and DMAs to enhance capabilities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and natural disasters.

**CONCLUSION**

Upon approval by the Board, please send a copy of the adopted Board Letter and three originals of the signed Governing Body Resolution to the Chief Executive Office - Homeland Security Grants Administration for processing.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fesia A. Davenport', with a stylized flourish at the end.

FESIA A. DAVENPORT

Chief Executive Officer

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Enclosures

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller

***Governing Body Resolution****Covers Grant Years:**2021 EMPG, 2021 EMPG-ARPA, 2022 EMPG, 2022 EMPG-ARPA, 2023 EMPG****BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Supervisors OF THE County of Los Angeles THAT***

Chief Executive Officer , *OR*  
 Chief Deputy , *OR*  
 Chief Operating Officer , *OR*  
 Assistant Chief Executive Officer , *OR*  
 Manager, CEO , *OR*  
 Principal Analyst, CEO , *OR*  
 Senior Analyst, CEO

is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the named applicant, a public entity established under the laws of the State of California, any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance provided by the federal Department of Homeland Security and subawarded through the State of California.

Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

***Certification***

I, \_\_\_\_\_, duly appointed and  
 (Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Title) (Governing Body)

do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and approved by  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ on the  
 (Governing Body) (Name of Applicant)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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 (Official Position)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature)

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 (Date)